(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Nepal has put a curb on Indian newspapers; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with Nepal and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any formal curb imposed by the Government of Nepal on Indian newspapers. Their procurement and distribution is done by Nepalese news agencies. Which are understood to have stopped purchasing certain newspapers from India since June 1986.

Creation of new districts in Orissa

727. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has suggested to the Central Government for the creation of new districts, new sub-divisions and new Tehsils in Orissa, if so, what are the details in this regard: and

(b) whether the Central Government have received any specific request from the Orissa Government for financial assistance for the creation of a divisional office at Aska, Ganjam in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

स्वर्णाभूषण निर्यात संवर्धन केन्द्र की स्थापना

728. श्री मोर्चा इर्शादबेग : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या एक स्वर्णाभूषण निर्यात संवर्धन केन्द्र की स्थापना करने की कोई मांग की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में कब तक निर्णय किए जाने की सम्भावना है ; और

(ग) पिछले एक वर्ष में सरकार ने स्वर्णाभूषण के निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) निर्यात अभिमुख स्वर्ण आभूषण विनिर्माण कम्पलैक्स स्थापित करने के लिए प्रायोजित अभिकरण से जो कि राज्य सरकार भी हो सकती हैं, विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होना अपेक्षित है । दिल्ली के लिए एक विशेष स्वर्ण आभूषण कम्पलैक्स पहले ही अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है ।

(ग) 1985–86 के दौरान 86 करोड़ रु. के स्वर्ण आभूषणों के निर्यात किए गए ।

Nationalisation of sick Mohini Mills at Belgharia, West Bengal

729. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise the sick Mohini Mills at Belgharia in West Bengal (the management of the Mills is vested in NTC);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The management of Mohini Mills, Bel-

gharia, West Bengal was taken over under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 with effect from 24th October, 1981. The circumstances of the case require that several aspects are required to be gone into and hence it has not been possible to take a decision in this regard.

Nationalisation of tetile and jute mills

730. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to nationalise textile and jute mills in the coutry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Nationalisation of textiles mill of Bombay

731. DR. R. K PODDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state what are the reasons for the delay in nationalising the 13 sick textile mills of Bombay which were taken over in October, 1983?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The nationalisation of the 13 Bombay mills could not be undertaken so far because a detailed examination of the various alternative courses of action is necessary

Uniform tax code

732. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a uniform tax code;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government proposes to introduce a tax code relating to direct taxes.

(b) The tentative proposals formulated by the Government were published in the form of a Discussion Paper, which was placed on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 14th August, 1986. Final decisions in regard thereto are being taken in the light of the comments and suggestions received in response to the Discussion Paper.

(c) A comprehensive Bill amending the direct tax laws is proposed to be introduced in Parliament shortly. The tax code will then be taken up and introduced in the next financial year.

733. [*Transferred to the 21st November, 1986*].

Minimum wages for agricultural labour

734. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a Central legislation on agricultural labour to ensure minimum wages and humane conditions of work;

(b) whether there is any State Legislation ensuring minimum wages within their respective States;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any machinery for settling disputes of agricultural labourers with the employers;